

TAKAHASHI *et al.*, Appl'n No. 10/755,285
2ND Suppl. Pre. Amdt. dated 19 October 2004

520.39871VX2/NT0318US3
Page 16

REMARKS

This Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment submits the above changes and other information indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Original Claims 1-18 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application on 13 January 2004. Original Claim 19 and new Claims 20-24 were presented in the first Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed in the USPTO on 13 April 2004.

Unrelated to any art. scope, or rejection in any prior application, appropriate claims have been amended and added in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such amendments and additions to the claims are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested.

For example, new Claims 25-40 substantially parallel Claims 2-6, 15-17, 22-25, 29, 30, 32 and 33 which were cancelled from the parent application without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter.

Upon entry of this paper, Claims 19-40 are pending for consideration and examination in the present application.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or

TAKAHASHI *et al.*, Appl'n No. 10/755,285
2ND Suppl. Pre. Amdt. dated 19 October 2004

520.39871VX2/NT0318US3
Page 17

any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

This Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first Action on the merits, and no Petition for extension of time is required or proper for entry of this paper. Attached hereto is a Form PTO-2308

TAKAHASHI *et al.*, Appl'n No. 10/755,285
2ND Suppl. Pre. Amdt. dated 19 October 2004

520.39871VX2/NT0318US3
Page 18

authorizing payment of the additional claims fees. To whatever other extent is appropriate, please charge any deficiency in fees required for entry of this paper to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 520.39871VX2).

Respectfully submitted,



Paul J. Skwierawski
Registration No. 32,173
ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP
1300 North Seventeenth Street, Suite 1800
Arlington, Virginia 22209-3801, USA
Telephone 703-312-6600
Facsimile 703-312-6666

Attachment:
PTO-2038 (Fee Codes 1201/1202)